Pleasant View church of Christ 2500 Highway 49 East P.O. Box 189 Pleasant View, TN 37146

Sunday School: 9:30 A.M. Worship: 10:30 P.M. Worship: 6:00 Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm Phone: 924-9714 "Each day of our lives we make deposits in the memory banks of our children."

*Charles Swindoll* "Don't try to make your children grow up to be like you, or they may do it."

Russell Baker

Psalm 42:5 "Why are you in despair, o my soul? And why have you become disturbed within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him for the help of His presence?"

# Do No Harm

improve the patient's health.

Medical students are taught the first rule in medical ethics: do no harm. That sentiment is found in the Hypocratic Corpus. It states: "I will follow that system of regimen, which, according to my ability and judgment, I consider for the benefit of my patients, and abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous...(W)ith purity and with holiness I will pass my life and practice my art." Doctors are trained to do what is best for their patients to the best of their ability. The patient might not take their medication. The patient might have an illness that is incurable. But no matter what the patient's condition might be, the doctor is to do his best to

Christians should live by the same ethical principle. Galatians 6:9-10 states: "Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary. So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially those who are of the household of faith." Paul commanded the Romans, "If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men" (Rom. 12:18).

Unfortunately most people live by the "me first" principle. In order for them to do good to someone else, they must be served first. "If he likes me, I'll like him," or, "If they are nice to me, I'll be nice to them." But we are commanded to do good to all people regardless of how they treat us. When others are stingy toward us, we should be generous to them. When others gossip about us, we should speak kindly about them. When others promote themselves, we should humble ourselves. When others hurt us, we should never seek revenge.

Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you" (Matt. 5:11).

James Hayes

# Pleasant View Proclaimer

## **Pleasant View church of Christ**

## Make An Appointment

Secretaries are undervalued in nearly every professional field. They are expected to be janitors, writers, chefs, personal assistants, executive assistants, counselors, and, most often, schedulers. Secretaries often keep the appointment book for their bosses. They make sure that their boss and the someone else have enough time in their respective schedules to meet at a certain place at a certain time.

God wants Christians to be good schedulers. He wants His disciples to make appointments for Him with sinners. God no longer speaks audibly with man. He no longer sends angels to give direct messages to man. His method of communication today is for His disciples to meet the lost and share the gospel with them. "How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things!"" (Rom. 10:14-15).

Peter preached at Pentecost and over 3,000 were baptized. Later God sent messages to Peter and a centurion named Cornelius so that they would meet each other. Peter taught Cornelius and baptized him. Philip the evangelist met an Ethiopian eunuch on a desert road. Philip taught the eunuch about Jesus, and as soon as the eunuch saw enough water, Philip baptized him.

Some Christians are hesitant to introduce the sinner to God because of fear. They think the appointment is only successful if the sinner repents and believes. But God does not expect the disciple to convert every sinner; He only wants the disciple to make the appointment. "...God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe" (I Cor. 1:21).

James Hayes

#### September 23, 2012

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Items of Note:

- Carsyn Thornton was able to go to Disney World with the help of the Make-A-Wish Foundation.
- Addie Farmer is still recovering from a bout with anemia.
- Eric Walker's father-in-law has been ill lately.
- Although we were unable to secure elders at this time, we pray that men will accept that responsibility in the future so that we can be biblically led.

Building Fund Contribution Is Next Sunday, September 30 Thank You To Those Who Brought Food For The Cookout

### THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School Read: C. Rose Pray: JW Head

Morning Worship Wait on the Table: Baker Serve: Demonbreum, T. Walker, Billingsley Pray: Crabtree